



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
CNO EXECUTIVE PANEL
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO

8 March 2001

Dear Dr. *Josh* Lederberg,

The enclosed summarizes and organizes the significant contributions you have made to the many Chiefs of Naval Operations, thus far, during your nineteen-year tenure on the Executive Panel. Your contributions have been far-ranging and extraordinarily valuable.

Based upon an historical review of Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel work, my staff has assembled the enclosed executive summary of your Executive Panel participation outlining specific purpose and recommendations of each Task Force or Study Group.

In order to appropriately attend to the privacy concerns of the CNO and other Panel Members, when your Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel files are archived, the CEP files should be sealed for at least ten years (until March 2011) and then, they should only be available to the public after consultation with the Navy, preferably through the Executive Panel staff.

On behalf of the Chief of Naval Operations, thank you for your long and continuous support of our Navy. Your efforts are above and beyond expectation, especially considering the other demands of your career and busy schedule. Our Navy is markedly better as a result of your endeavors.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JP", is located below the "Warm regards," text.

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Enclosures

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